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Assistant Director for Operations

2 February 1955

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for January 1955

OPERATIONS

1. Eleven radio propaganda papers were issued during the month, including Radio Reaction Reports on the State-of-the-Union message, the Costa Rican hostilities, and the President's Formosa policy; an Intelligence Problems Report on the outlines of Malenkov's foreign policy position; and a paper for ONE examining indications of Soviet counteraction to the ratification of the Paris agreements.
2. Comprehensive coverage of revolutionary attempts in Guatemala, Panama, and especially Costa Rica carried out during the month included virtually complete coverage of the transmissions of the clandestine radio of the Costa Rican rebel invasion forces. A tape recording of the latter was provided PP staff at its urgent request.
3. Regular FBIS B-wire service was extended to the National Indications Center on 21 January. A special wire service to the U.S. delegation at the United Nations, New York, was commenced at DD/I request on 29 January to provide the delegation with selected material on the Formosa crisis.
4. In anticipation of BBC budget cuts, and in preparation for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the FBIS-BBC Coordination Committee, FBID is studying possibilities of relieving BBC of its Baltic area coverage; of transmitting the Cyprus file via Agency communications in lieu of Cable & Wireless, and of transferring coverage responsibilities from BBC to FBID. Replies to requests for evaluation of the Baltic area coverage sent to State, USIA, Army, Navy, USAF, and Agency offices on 5 January indicate continuing requirements for this material.
5. Arrangements were made with OCI to obtain the Agenda for the weekly intelligence briefings for the National Security Council. The Agenda is disseminated to FBID field bureaus for guidance in reporting, and copies are being provided FDD and OO/C.

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6. Evaluation of the Latin American monitoring survey at San Juan showed that substantial advantage would be gained by a permanent cruising facility in Puerto Rico. A draft request to FCC for concurrence in the establishment of a one-man FBIS cruising activity in San Juan was submitted for DDCI consideration.

7. Results of the television test monitoring conducted at the American Embassy, Moscow, were discussed with Roger Keeney of the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Although the monitoring yielded little technical intelligence there was general agreement that experimental monitoring should be continued by ATIC, while FBIS and ATIC jointly undertake to locate or develop equipment more suitable for this specific task.

8. The first official indication of Peking's attitude toward a US mediated cease fire, in the form of Chou En-Lai's declaration, was filed to FBIS wire addressees an hour before the story was carried by AP, on 24 January. Peking and Moscow comments on congressional discussion of the President's Formosa message to Congress were hand carried to General Persons at the White House on 28 January, in response to a request to the Director by the White House Press Secretary.

9. The withholding by FBIS of Peking broadcasts concerning spy accusations against US fliers brought a complaint from A Sidney Buford, III, Director, OLI, Department of State, who pointed out in a letter to the AD/O that the delayed and curiously restricted dissemination had caused the U.S. officials at the U.N. General Assembly not to be fully briefed until the late stages of the U.N. debate as to the flimsiness of the charges in the case.

10. With the concurrence of FBIS, VOA is arranging for installation of a direct wire from the FBIS East Coast Bureau to carry selected live European broadcasts to VOA headquarters.

11. A requirement was accepted from RQM/OIS for all vernacular dictabelts recorded from the Caucasian Republics after the normal 60-day FBIS retention period.

12. At the request of PP Radio Staff a check was made for broadcasts in Czech, Slovaks and Ruthenian reported to have begun recently by a Canadian emigre group from Toronto. Although nothing specifically meeting this description was found, a local station in Niagara Falls, Ontario, carrying East European language programs was referred to PP.

13. An FBIS witness and a representative of the Office of the General Counsel are at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in connection with the court-martial of former Korean prisoner of war Major Ambrose Nugent.

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14. Rand Corporation's Alexander George completed his investigation of propaganda analysis activities and is drafting his report.

#### FACILITIES

15. Preparations were completed for the survey of locations in Bangkok for emergency Southeast Asia coverage, and [redacted], Chief Engineer Okinawa Bureau departed for Bangkok on 2 February. An informal commitment was made by MAAG for handling up to 5,000 word groups daily of FBIS traffic if a monitoring operation is established in Bangkok.

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16. Office of Communications was asked to investigate a possible alternate Okinawa communications circuit through USAP. It is understood that the Air Force is constructing a new transmitter in Okinawa for its GLOBECOM network. Ability to send a limited amount of FBIS traffic into this system might solve Okinawa Bureau's occasional problems of delay and outages.

#### 17. Okinawa Construction:

a. Project DD/I 172-55 for construction of six duplex and two four-unit bachelor houses in Okinawa at an estimated cost of \$281,756 was approved by the Director. Funds will be obligated in the third quarter of FY 55, and construction will start after completion and occupation of the preceding group of houses. The latter project is sixty percent complete. Site planning authorized in January for the remainder of the Okinawa housing program was accomplished.

b. The underground power line extension to the operations site is seventy-eight percent complete. Progress should be rapid after transformers and cable are received about 15 February.

18. FBIS has relinquished its interest in the ACAH area at Sobe, Okinawa, and the Department of the Army was informed accordingly by the Chief of Logistics. This action was taken after the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Department of the Army, advised that ACAH intends to purchase the entire operations and antenna area at Sobe, and not to lease the antenna field as previously contemplated. Sharing in this extensive purchase would involve an unjustified financial burden on FBIS, in view of the cancellation by USAF of the Bolo Airfield project and lack of a requirement to move FBIS to Sobe. The Army was also advised that it is the intent of the FBIS to purchase the 4.7 acre Operations Area at Bolo Point and to continue its lease of the Bolo antenna field.

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ADMINISTRATION

19. Personnel

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a. During January three employees entered on duty, five transferred, and one resigned. FBID classified on duty strength at the end of January was [ ] seven under ceiling.

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b. [ ] of FBID was one of two Agency employees selected for participation in the Agency's Junior Officer Career Development program, effective 28 January.

c. Two draft-eligible FBID employees were recommended for the Army Enlisted Reserve Program. They will shortly commence six-months military service and will revert to reserve status and return to FBID thereafter.

d. The recruiting activity of the Deputy Chief, Radio Propaganda Branch, now completed, yielded nine or ten promising candidates for analyst positions.

e. The positions of Administrative Assistant GS-9 at the Mediterranean and Okinawa Bureaus were reclassified to Administrative Officer, GS-11, effective 28 January.

f. Tokyo Bureau was authorized to increase its local wage scale concurrently with similar action by the American Embassy.

g. FBID personnel problems were discussed with [ ] of Office of Personnel, new Placement Officer for OO, on 26 January.

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Enclosures:

- I. Field Bureau Production
- II. Personnel Supplement

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**I. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, January 1955**  
**Average Computed on Basis of 5-day Week.**

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Tokyo	25½	9,800*	29*	17*
Hokkaido	14½	9,700	98	64
Okinawa	96½	23,400	94	79
Saigon	21	5,540*	24*	17*
West Coast	88	28,000	160	79
East Coast	143½	20,100	120	45
London	255½	58,000	120	115
Germany	20½	9,500*	56*	40*
Austria	5½	4,900*	22*	110*
Mediterranean	77½	25,000	164	118
Totals	747½	193,940	887	584

\*Includes press scrutiny.

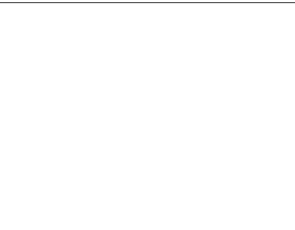
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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Editorial Branch	4 January 1955 50X1
	West Coast Bureau	3 January 1955
	Editorial Branch	24 January 1955

3. Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Chief Monitor, GS-11 Okinawa Bureau	Chief Monitor, GS-12 Okinawa Bureau	2 January 1955 50X1
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-8 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Okinawa Bureau	2 January 1955
	Radio Operator, GS-8 West Coast Bureau	Radio Operator, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	16 January 1955
	Prop Anal Off, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	Prop Anal Off, GS-13 Radio Propaganda Branch	16 January 1955
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 Field Operations Staff	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-12 Field Operations Staff	16 January 1955
	Secretary(Steno), GS-3 Administrative Staff	Secretary(Steno), GS-4 Administrative Staff	30 January 1955

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4. Reassignments

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Elec Eng(Radio), GS-11 West Coast Bureau	Elec Eng(Radio), GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	30 December 1954
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-4 Editorial Branch	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Administrative Staff	16 January 1955
	Info Sp(Fga Brdcast), GS-11 Tokyo Bureau	Info Sp(Fga Brdcast), GS-11 Editorial Branch	17 January 1955
	Prop Anal Off, GS-12 London Bureau	Prop Anal Off, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	27 December 1955

5. Transfers

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Recipient Office</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Editorial Branch	OSR	17 January 1955
	Intell Assistant, GS-5 Liaison & Reference Staff	EE	3 January 1955
	Info Sp(Fga Brdcast), GS-12 Editorial Branch	J.D. Training	28 January 1955
	Prop Anal Off, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	FI	14 January 1955
	Clerk Typist, GS-3 Editorial Branch	OCD	30 January 1955

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6. Separations

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Name

Title, Grade, Assignment

Date

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Clerk Typist, GS-5  
Radio Propaganda Branch

28 January 1955

7. Miscellaneous

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Change of Name

from

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Admin Assistant, GS-7  
London Bureau

to

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Admin Assistant, GS-7  
London Bureau

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8. OO Career Service Program

a. Training Activities

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Self-Study (Russian)

Internal

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The Russian Institute - Columbia University  
September 1953 - June 1955

External

Self-Study (Turkish)

Internal

Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C.  
March 1954 - March 1955

External

Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C.  
June 1954 - June 1957

External

Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C.  
July 1954 - January 1957

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Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C.  
July 1954 - January 1957

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OO Career Service Program - Training Activities (cont.)

	Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C. July 1954 - January 1957	External
	Tri-State College - Angola, Indiana 27 September 1954 - 26 August 1956	External
	Elementary French Reading 21 September 1954 - 11 January 1955	Internal
	American University 15 September 1954 - 30 January 1955	External
	Language Conversation Seminar 28 October 1954 - February 1955	Internal
	George Washington University 7 October 1954 - 24 January 1955	External
	Elementary French Reading 21 September 1954 - 8 January 1955	Internal
	Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C. November 1954 - November 1957	External
	Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C. November 1954 - November 1957	External
	Spoken French September 1954 - January 1955	Internal
	Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C. September 1954 - September 1957	External
	Shorthand 10 - 28 January 1955	Internal

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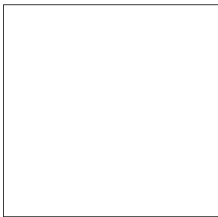
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OO Career Service Program - Training Activities (cont.)



Basic Management Course  
31 January - 11 February 1955

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Basic Supervision  
17 - 28 January 1955

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Teletype Maintenance Course  
31 January - 18 February 1955

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9. Foreign Travel

None

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